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on the amount that may be paid out of state funds for assistance payments to the totally and permanently disabled."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary Proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Passed the Senate, May 9, 1961: Yeas 28, Nays 0; May 29, 1961, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 29, 1961, House granted request of Senate; May 29, 1961, Senate adopted Conference Report: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, May 27, 1961, with amendments: Yeas 128, Nays 3; May 29, 1961, House granted request of Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 29, 1961, House adopted Conference Report: Yeas 130, Nays 0.

Filed without Governor's signature, June 17, 1961.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY AGED, NEEDY BLIND AND NEEDY CHILDREN

S. J. R. No. 9

Proposing an amendment to Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas to raise the limit on use of state funds for financial assistance of the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children from Forty-seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000) a year to Fifty-two Million Dollars (\$52,000,000) a year; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 51a of Article 111 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read:

"Section 51a. Payment of Assistance to Needy Aged, Needy Blind and Needy Children

The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations and restrictions herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may by the Legislature be deemed expedient for assistance to, and for the payment of assistance to:

"(1) Needy aged persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and who are over the age of sixty-five (65) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any state-supported institution, while such inmate, or to any person who shall not have actually resided in Texas for at least five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding such application; provided that the maximum payment per month from state funds shall not be more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) per person; and provided further, that no payment in excess of Twenty-one Dollars (\$21) shall be paid out of state funds to an individual until and unless such additional amounts are matched by the Federal Government.

"(2) Needy blind persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and are over the age of twenty-one (21) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any state-supported institution, while such inmate, or to any person who shall not have actually resided in Texas at least five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately

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preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding such application.

"(3) Needy children who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas, and are under the age of sixteen (16) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid on account of any child over one (1) year old who has not continuously resided in Texas for one (1) year immediately preceding the application for such assistance, or on account of any child under the age of one (1) year whose mother has not continuously resided in Texas for one (1) year immediately preceding such application.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Federal Government of the United States such financial aid for the assistance of the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children as such Government may offer not inconsistent with restrictions herein set forth; provided however, that the amount of such assistance out of state funds to each person assisted shall never exceed the amount so expended out of federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of money to be expended out of state funds for such assistance to the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children shall never exceed the sum of Fifty-two Million Dollars (\$52,000,000) per year. The Legislature shall enact appropriate laws to make lists of the recipients of aid hereunder available for inspection, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed appropriate by the Legislature."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1962, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment raising the limit on use of state funds to assist needy aged, needy blind and needy children from Forty-seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000) to Fifty-two Million Dollars (\$52,000,000)."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment raising the limit on use of state funds to assist needy aged, needy blind and needy children from Forty-seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000) to Fifty-two Million Dollars (\$52,000,000)."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary Proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Passed the Senate, May 23, 1961: Yeas 28, Nays 0; passed the House, May 27, 1961: Yeas 131, Nays 5.

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